

wherein

R^1 represents H;

R^{12} , R^{13} and R^{14} independently represent H, phenyl or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^{16} represents C_{1-4} alkyl, phenyl, OH, $C(O)OR^{17}$ or $C(O)N(H)R^{18}$;

R^{18} represents H, C_{1-4} alkyl or $CH_2C(O)OR^{19}$;

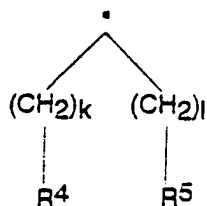
R^{15} and R^{17} independently represent H, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{7-9} alkylphenyl;

R^{11} and R^{19} independently represent H or C_{1-4} alkyl; and

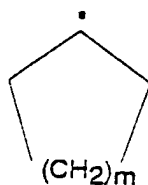
q represents 0, 1 or 2;

R^2 and R^3 are both hydrogen;

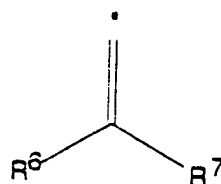
R^x represents a structural fragment of formula IIa, IIb or IIc,



IIa



IIb



IIc

wherein

k, l and m independently represent 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

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R⁴ and R⁵ independently represent H, Si(Me)₃, 1- or 2-naphthyl, a polycyclic hydrocarbyl group, CHR⁴¹R⁴² or C₁₋₄ alkyl (which latter group is optionally substituted by one or more fluorine atoms), or C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, phenyl, methylenedioxyphenyl, benzodioxanyl, benzofuranyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzimidazolyl, coumaranonyl, coumarinyl or dihydrocoumarinyl (which latter twelve groups are optionally substituted by one or more of C₁₋₄ alkyl (which latter group is optionally substituted by one or more halo substituent), C₁₋₄ alkoxy, halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, SO₂NH₂, C(O)OH or N(H)R⁴³);

R⁴¹ and R⁴² independently represent cyclohexyl or phenyl;

R⁶ and R⁷ independently represent H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, phenyl (which latter group is optionally substituted by one or more of C₁₋₄ alkyl (which latter group is optionally substituted by one or more halo substituent), C₁₋₄ alkoxy, halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, SO₂NH₂, C(O)OH or N(H)R⁴⁴) or together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl ring;

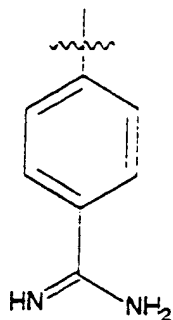
R⁴³ and R⁴⁴ independently represent H or C(O)R⁴⁵; and

R⁴⁵ represents H, C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy;

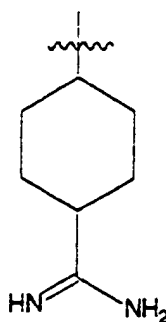
Y represents (CH₂)₂, CH=CH, (CH₂)₃, CH₂CH=CH or CH=CHCH₂, which latter three groups are optionally substituted by C₁₋₄ alkyl, methylene, oxo or hydroxy;

n represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and

B represents a structural fragment of formula IVa or IVc



IVa




IVc

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. (Twice Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 which is

- NO 2
- (*R,S*)-PhCH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-(*R,S*)-Hig;
 - (*S*)-3-methoxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
 - (*R*)-3-methoxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
 - (*R,S*)-3-aminophenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
 - (*R*)-3-(methylamino)phenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
 - (*S*)-3-(methylamino)phenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
 - (*S*)-PhCH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
 - (*S*)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
 - (*R*)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
 - (*R,S*)-3-hydroxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
 - (*R*)-((3-chloro-5-methylphenyl)-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
 - (*S*)-((3-chloro-5-methylphenyl)-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;

 (S)-3-fluorophenyl-CH(CH₂OH)CO-Pro-Pab;
(R)-3-fluorophenyl-CH(CH₂OH)CO-Pro-Pab;
(S)-3-chlorophenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(R)-3-chlorophenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(R,S)-3,5-dimethylphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(S)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(R)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(R,S)-3-methoxy-5-methylphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(R,S)-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(R,S)-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(R,S)-3,4-(methylenedioxyphenyl)-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(S)-3-(2-naphthyl)-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(R)-3-(2-naphthyl)-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(R)-2,5-dimethylphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(S)-2,5-dimethylphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(R)-3-methoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(S)-3-methoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(R)-3,5-dichlorophenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(S)-3,5-dichlorophenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(R)-2,3-dimethoxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(S)-2,3-dimethoxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(R)-3-methoxy-5-chlorophenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(S)-3-methoxy-5-chlorophenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
(R)-2-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab; or
(S)-2-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. (Twice Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 17 which is

NO3
(R,S)-Ph-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab-OH;
(S)-3-methoxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)CO-Pro-Pab(Z);
(R)-3-methoxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)CO-Pro-Pab(Z);
(S)-3-methoxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab-OH;
(R)-3-methoxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab-OH;
(S)-3-methoxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab-OC(O)Et;
(R)-3-methoxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab-OC(O)Et; or
(S)-3-methoxyphenyl-CH(CH₂OH)-C(O)-Pro-Pab-OC(O)CH₃;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.